

Cartwright's Sufferings.

and was amply justified in refusing to submit to the inquisition designed to incriminate him at all costs. For nearly two years the tough old man, tortured though he was with gout and stone, was kept in the Fleet, whilst the High Commission remitted him to the Star Chamber, and the Star Chamber remanded him back to the Commission. Petition after petition to the archbishop, the Lord Treasurer, and the Council to be released on bail elicited no response. One of his children died, and even an appeal to be allowed to visit his family, on an undertaking to return to his prison, made no impression on his persecutors. It was only after a direct appeal to the queen, seconded by the remonstrances of Lord Burghley, and the general indignation at such arbitrary encroachment on the liberty of the subject, that Elizabeth allowed him to return to Warwick, on promise of good behaviour, to spend the next ten years of his life in peace.

It would be easy to multiply these examples of the tactics by which the Commission outraged, on trifling pretexts, both justice and humanity. The following paragraph, culled at random from Neal's "History of the Puritans," must suffice: "Besides the Puritans already mentioned as suffering this year, the learned Dr John Walward, Divinity Professor at Oxford, was enjoined a public recantation, and suspended till he had done it, for teaching that the order of the Jewish synagogue and eldership was adopted by Christ and His apostles into the Christian Church, and designed as a perpetual Church government. He was also bound in a recognisance of ;£100 for his good behaviour. Mr Harsnet of Pembroke College was imprisoned at the same time for not wearing the surplice. Mr Edward Gillibrand, Fellow of Magdalen College, was forbid preaching, and bound in a recognisance of £100 to revoke his errors in such words as the Commissioners should appoint. His crime was speaking against the hierarchy and against the swelling titles of archbishops and bishops, for which Whitgift told him he deserved not only to be imprisoned and suspended, but to be banished the university. Mr Farrar, minister of Langham, in Essex, was charged with rebellion against the ecclesiastical laws, and suspended for not wearing the habits. Bishop Aylmer told him that except he and his companions would be conform-